

REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2011

The North Providence School Committee met on November 16,2011 at 6:35 p.m. in

the Administration Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairman

Marciano, Mrs. Reali, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Iannetta and Mrs. Picard. Also present were

Superintendent Ottaviano, Mr. Ryan, Mr. McNamee and Mr. Scungio. Mr. Tedeschi and Mr.

Milazzo were present for the Regular Session only. Appropriate disclosure was made by the

Chair concerning compliance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-5(a)(1) indicating that any person

to be discussed had been appropriately notified.

Motion by Mrs. Reali, seconded by Mrs. Picard and Mr. Cataldi and carried to go into

open session at 6:35 p.m. The regular session was recessed to go into Executive Session at

6:35 p.m. The regular session reconvened at 7: 15 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

II. SALUTE TO FLAG

The Chair led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and a moment

of silence.

**III. CHAIR TO REPORT OUT ANY VOTES TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND
RECEIVE MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION
MINUTES PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF RIGL 42-46-(4) & (5).**

The Chair reported that there were no votes taken in Executive Session.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair next reported that there was no correspondence received.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 3-4.

No comments were received.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Monthly Financial Report.

Superintendent Ottaviano explained that the auditors are working on the records so

Mr. McNamee will present the Report next month.

2. Power It Website Presentation.

Mr. Ryan explained that there have been a couple of setbacks with the technology but

it is expected that the District Website will be up by next week. There is a domain site

and the District is close to launching it.

3. Revised Voluntary Intra District Transfer Policy.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Revised Voluntary Intra

District Transfer Policy as presented for a second reading. Motion by Mr. Cataldi,

seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 11-10-12. Be it resolved that, at the

recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve

the revised Voluntary Intra District Transfer Policy as submitted. A roll call vote was

taken as follows: Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reali, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye,

and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

4. Revised Volunteer Policy.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Revised Volunteer Policy as

presented for a second reading. Motion by Mrs. Reali, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to

Resolution No. 11-10-12. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the revised Volunteer

Policy as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr.

Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reali, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion

carried by unanimous consent.

5. Discussion and Approval Re: Used Vehicle.

The Chair spoke about discussion regarding the vehicle that the Town is offering the

School Department. Mr. Milazzo expressed concerns with the fact that the truck has

over 240,000 miles on it and there is no lift. The Chair spoke about the Town being

responsible for repairing the vehicle if it breaks down. Members asked questions and

offered comments. Members expressed concerns about the truck being roadworthy.

They requested that the truck be checked out before we take it.

6. Discussion Re: Temporary Custodians.

The Chair explained that Mr. Milazzo provided the requested information regarding

temporary custodians.

7. Molar Express.

Superintendent Ottaviano explained that the School Nurses were contacted regarding

the program. Mr. Ryan explained that State regulations require that students be

screened every few years. North Providence follows the regulations and a form was sent home to the children. 20 to 30% of the children are taken to dentists. The nurses felt that it would be beneficial. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 11-11-04. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to award the Molar Express Program as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reali, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

8. Emergency Plan Updates.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Emergency Plan Updates as presented. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution NO.11-11-05. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to award the Emergency Plan Updates as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reali, aye, Mr.

Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

9. Revised Use of Property Policy.

Superintendent Ottaviano explained that the Revised Policy was in the packets for review. The Policy will be on the agenda next month. Mr. Cataldi felt that a letter should be sent to the current property users to explain the revised policy.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT.

1. Presentation ..

The Chair recognized Jody Graziano for her leadership in literacy. He added that the Committee is proud to present her with a citation in honor of her award. Members offered congratulations.

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2. Technology Subcommittee Report.

No report was received.

3. Approval re: Director of Non Instructional Services Contract.

This item was deferred until next month.

4. Discussion re: Resolution in Support of Pension Reform.

Motion by Mrs. Reali, seconded by Mrs. Picard to sign on to the Resolution on Pension

Reform. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs.

Realì, aye, Mrs. Ian netta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE

No requests were received.

IX. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Retirements.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Retirement of Linda Brown -

Administrative Secretary to the Superintendent Effective December 28, 2011 and

wished her well in her retirement. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard as

to Resolution No. 11-11-09. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the retirement of Linda

Brown Effective December 28, 2011 with regret. Members spoke about Linda's

professionalism and years of service and congratulated her on her retirement. A roll

call vote was taken as follows: Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Realì, aye, Mr.

Ian netta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

2. Leaves of Absence.

**Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee approve the Leave of
Absence Requests from Stacy Coleman - Grade 3 Elementary Teacher - Marieville
Elementary School Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective November 3,2011 through
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January 20, 2012, Christine DeSanto - Grade 6 Teacher - Birchwood Middle School -

Paid FMLA Leave Effective October 19, 2011 through a date TBD, Sheri Farrell:""

School Nurse Teacher - McGuire Elementary School- Paid FMLA Leave December

9,2011 through February 17, 2012, Unpaid FMLA Leave February 27,2012 through

March 27, 2012, and Unpaid Leave of Absence March 28, 2012 through the remainder

of the 2011/2012 School Year, Sherry Lombardi - Grade 3 Elementary Teacher -

Centredale Elementary School - Paid FMLA Leave Effective October 27, 2011

through a date TBD. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard and Mr. Cataldi

as to Resolution No. 11-11-10. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N. P. School Committee vote to approve the Leaves of Absence requests as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reali, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was presented.

XI. USE OF PROPERTY REQUESTS

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the approval of the Use of Property Requests submitted which were not previously approved, based on School Committee Policy, availability and the request meeting all the necessary conditions. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Reali as to Resolution No. 11-11-12. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the approval of the Use of Property Requests as submitted. A roll call vote was taken

as follows: Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reali, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of November 2011 List of Bills as presented and submitted to the Committee. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 11-11-13. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grants advice and consent to approve and pay the November 2011 List of Bills in the amount of \$583,083.80. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reali, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 11-11-14. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the

North Providence

School Committee approve and seal the Minutes of the October 26, 2011 Executive

Session in accordance with R.I.G.L. 42-46-4 and 5. A roll call vote was taken as

follows: Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Realì, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the

Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mrs. Realì as to Resolution No. 11-11-14. Be it

resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School

Committee vote to approve the Minutes of the October 26, 2011 School Committee

Meeting as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr.

Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Realì, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion

carried by unanimous consent.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 7 - 13.

Public comments were received.

XV. PENDING BUSINESS

No pending business was discussed.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mrs. Realì and unanimously

carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Caranci,

Recording Secretary of the North Providence

School Committee

Date Submitted to Committee:

Date Approved by the Committee: